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Applicant: Griffith-Cima et al. Examiner: D. Naff
Serial No.: 09/008,945 Art Unit: 1651
Filed: January 20, 1998
For: TISSUE FORMATION BY INJECTING A CELL-POLYMERIC SOLUTION
THAT GELS IN VIVO

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Amendment

In the specification:

On page 1, line 2, please insert - This application is a continuation of application
08/056,140, filed April 30, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,709,854.--

In the claims:

1. (Amended) — A method for [implanting tissue] introducing cells into an animal to form tissue within the animal comprising:
- forming a cell-polymeric composition by mixing a solution of a biodegradable, biocompatible natural or synthetic organic polymer, wherein the polymer is capable of hardening into a three-dimensional open-lattice structure which entraps water molecules to form a hydrogel [solution], with dissociated cells; and
- [implanting the mixture] introducing said cell-polymeric composition into the animal.